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| FORM-PTO-1390 (Rev. 10-96) | | U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | |
| TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 | | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 000500-196 | |
| | | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. 1.5) 09/380,208 | |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/SE98/00341 | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 25 February 1998 | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 26 February 1997 | |
| TITLE OF INVENTION AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT INCLUDES A LIQUID BARRIER WITH IMPROVED SEALING | | | |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Eva SIMMONS (nee Eva FRANSSON); Peter RÖNNBERG; and Anders GUSTAFSSON | | | |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: | | | |
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | |
| 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and the PCT Articles 22 and 39(1). | | | |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date. | | | |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). | | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. | | | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) | | | |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). | | | |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) | | | |
| a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). | | | |
| b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. | | | |
| c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. | | | |
| d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. | | | |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). | | | |
| 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). | | | |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | | |
| Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included: | | | |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. | | | |
| 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. | | | |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. | | | |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. | | | |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. | | | |
| 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: | | | |

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| 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO \$840.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$670.00 No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) \$760.00 Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$970.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) \$96.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT = | \$ 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)). | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:20%;">Claims</th> <th style="width:20%;">Number Filed</th> <th style="width:20%;">Number Extra</th> <th style="width:20%;">Rate</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-20 =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X\$18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent Claims</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-3 =</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">X\$78.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3">Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">+ \$260.00</td> </tr> </table> | Claims | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Total Claims | -20 = | | X\$18.00 | Independent Claims | -3 = | | X\$78.00 | Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable) | | | + \$260.00 | \$ 0 | |
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| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = | | | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Reduction for 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). | | | \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). | | | \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = | | | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + | | | \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = | | | \$ 130.00 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | charged \$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 130.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4800 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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